UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte LADDIE L. JAMES

Application No. 09/642,868

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 25, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the file reveals that a "Petition to Allow Consideration of Reply Brief in Patent Appeal Filed Out of Time" was filed on June 14, 2004 (no paper number given). On June 15, 2004, a "Combined Notice of Filing of Petition and Request for Stay" was facsimile transmitted (no paper number given). There is no indication in the record regarding whether

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these papers have been considered. In addition, neither paper has been entered onto the Contents page of the application file.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- for consideration of the "Petition to Allow
 Consideration of Reply Brief in Patent Appeal Filed Out of Time"
 filed June 14, 2004 (no paper number given);
- 2. for consideration of the "Combined Notice of
 Filing of Petition and Request for Stay" facsimile transmitted
 on June 15, 2004 (no paper number given);
- 3. for entry of the above two papers onto the Contents page of the application file;
- 4 for written notification to appellant regarding the action taken; and
 - 5. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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